

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A blend comprising a paraffin wax emulsion and a polymer emulsion, wherein the
polymer contains polymerized units of one or more C₁₋₁₂ ester of acrylic or methacrylic
acid and a vinyl ester of a C₈₋₁₃ neo-acid. When the blend is applied as a coating to a
substrate, such as a nonwoven web, a nonwoven absorbent pad, a nonwoven textile, or
a textile fabric, and dried, it has a hydrostatic head barrier sufficient to prevent passage
10 of aqueous fluids but allow passage of water vapor through it. A multi-layer material
comprising at least one layer of a nonwoven web, an absorbent pad, or a textile, and at
least one layer of the above described blend.